

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-first Legislature Second Regular Session - 2012

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO CONDUCT TOWN HALL MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO GATHER FEEDBACK ON HOW TO RETAIN AND RECRUIT VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, Idaho is predominantly a rural state that relies heavily on volunteers for the provision of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the existence of competent volunteer emergency medical services providers throughout Idaho is vital to the well-being of all those who live in or visit Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the requirements placed on volunteer emergency medical services providers must provide an assurance of public safety while not being onerous to a point so as to discourage volunteer participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we encourage the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to conduct outreach town hall meetings throughout Idaho to develop a better understanding of the challenges that hinder recruitment and retention of volunteer emergency medical services providers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department should schedule the town hall meetings in the evening hours to enable maximum participation by concerned stakeholders and should hold the town hall meetings in locations that will enable concerned stakeholders to attend without having to drive any farther than 50 miles whenever possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department should facilitate the town hall meetings in such a manner so as to gather as much feedback and suggestions for improvement as possible and should consider the feedback received during the town hall meetings as they continue to develop the programs, policies, plans and procedures that support and regulate emergency medical services in Idaho.